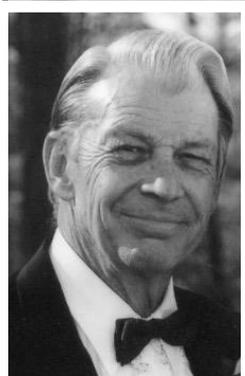
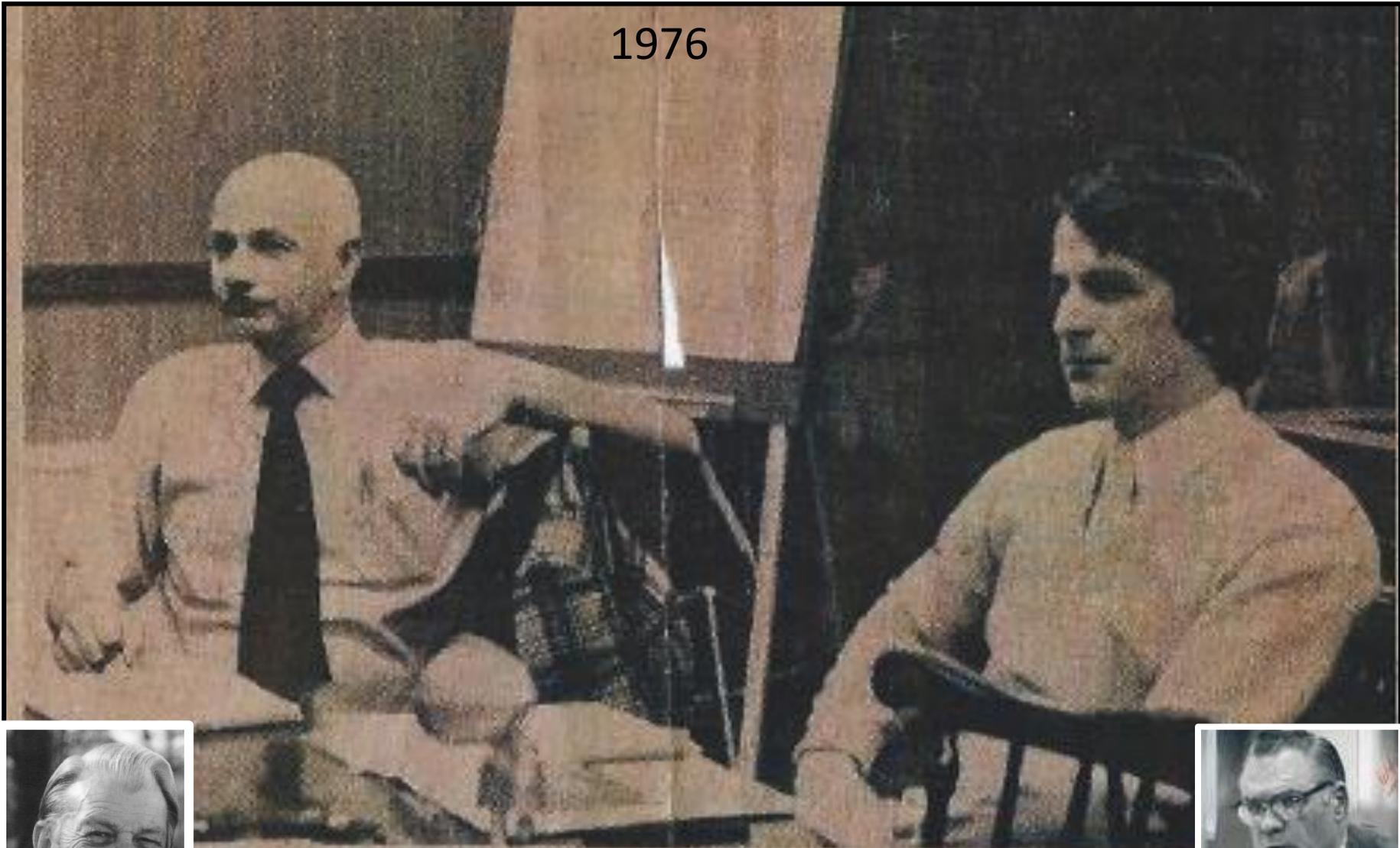




Greg Bowen



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Gaiser of the Extention Office and Greg Bowen chaired a
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“Our Landscape is dominated by forests and fields”



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320 acres

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Mentor Match

The Maryland FarmLINK Mentor Match Program pairs experienced farmers (mentors) with new or transitioning farm owners/operators (mentees) for one-on-one training, advice and interaction. The year-long mentoring experience is enhanced with support from the Maryland FarmLINK Mentor Team, which provides technical assistance in farm production, business management, regulations, marketing and funding resources. Applications to the Mentor Match Program are accepted throughout the year.

Target areas. In 2016, the program will focus on mentoring in the following targeted areas: vegetable production (organic and conventional), pasture-raised poultry and rabbits, fruit, wine grapes and agritourism.

MENTEE eligibility and responsibilities. To be eligible for the program, mentees must have *no more than* ten years' experience as a farm owner or operator and have an interest in cultivating skills in the target areas listed above. Mentees must also have land available to them (own or lease farmland) in Southern Maryland. There is no charge to apply or be in the program. If a mentor match is found, the mentee's responsibilities will include the following:

- Visit mentor's farm at least once
- Host mentor visit to farm
- Contact mentor periodically for input and to report progress
- Attend one annual meeting
- Provide progress reports to the Mentor Match Team
- Complete a farm business plan

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Couple's farming adventure begins with too many seedlings, not enough space

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Growing food in suburbia

Moon Valley Farm sprouts in backyards, along roads

"It doesn't look like a farm," Emma Jagoz says when giving directions to the home base where she grows food for 85 people and a dozen restaurants in Cockeysville, Md., "It looks like a suburban house, but you're in the right place."... [\[read more\]](#)



Hitting the ground growing

Upper Marlboro farmer makes the most of last-minute farmland find

On a searing August afternoon, garlic hangs to dry from the rafters of a barn loft and cherry tomatoes dehydrate in the sun at Primaterra Farm in Brandywine, Md. Inside the house's small kitchen, extra tomatoes are becoming sauce on the stove and herbs hanging from twine are... [\[read more\]](#)



Growing grass and birds

Navy family puts down roots, chickens in St. Mary's County

Since starting a pastured meats business with his dad three years ago, Jackson Webb has learned plenty about licenses, lawns and how chickens think. "This one, she'll come up and yell at you," he says of a laying hen that's making a ruckus at his feet during... [\[read more\]](#)

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*A Report on the Factors that Favor or Hinder the Flow of
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Abstract: The Chesapeake Bay watershed contains one of the most productive estuaries in the world. The purpose of this paper is to develop and describe a process to assess existing federal, state and local laws, policies and regulations and other factors of great importance that encourage or hinder the development of a regional food plan in the Chesapeake Region. For this project, the Chesapeake Regional Food Plan (CRFP) is considered to be a plan for the flow of food from farm and fishery to table in ways that strengthen farming and the regional food economy; protect our land, water, and air; and provide healthy, nutritious food that sustains the region's communities and cities.

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